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1.   (currently amended) A method for indicating user status for at least one of a plurality of users of groupware <u>said user status indicating whether said user has accessed at least one document of said groupware</u>, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) displaying a status row bar in a view window of each user; and

(b) providing a status indication indicating the user status in said displayed status row bar<u>, said status indication being viewable by said plurality of users of the groupware</u>.

2.   (canceled)

3.   (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein when the users are divided into groups, said status indication shows what percentage of the users of each group have read each document for each group.

4.   (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein when the documents are divided into document groups, each of which consists of a plurality of documents, ~~said status indication~~ said method further comprising displaying a document group status indication showing ~~shows~~ whether at least one of the documents in each document group has not been read for each document group.

5.   (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said status indication is provided by colors or patterns.

6.   (currently amended) An apparatus for carrying out a method of indicating a user status regarding access to at least one document of groupware for at least one of a plurality of users of groupware, said user status indicating whether said user has accessed at least one document of said groupware, said apparatus comprising:

a server connected to a network comprising a status determining component for determining user status and ~~including~~ a status database for storing a user status indication; and

at least one display device for displaying said user status indication

a manager operation section connected to said network and including a manager screen and a manager input device; and

a user operation section connected to said network and including at least one user screen and at least one user input device.

7.   (canceled)

8.   (currently amended) The apparatus according to ~~claim 7~~ claim 6, wherein said server further comprises a status update component, wherein when a user changes said document, the statuses of the other of said plurality of users are set to "not read" in said status database.

9.   (currently amended) The apparatus according to ~~claim 7~~ claim 6, further comprising a mail generation component from which a mail is sent to members of a specific group who have not read the document.

10.   (currently amended) A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method

steps for indicating user status for at least one of a plurality of users of groupware, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) displaying a status row bar in a view window of each user; and

(b) providing a status indication indicating the user status in said displayed status row bar, said status indication being viewable by said plurality of users of the groupware.

11. (new) The method according to claim 1 wherein said user status indicates whether a user has changed a document.

12. (new) The method according to claim 11, wherein when a user changes a document, the status indication for the other of said plurality of users is automatically updated to "not read".

13. (new) The apparatus according to claim 6 wherein when the users are divided into groups, said status indication shows what percentage of the users of each group have read each document for each group

14. (new) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein when the documents are divided into document groups, each of which consists of a plurality of documents, said method further comprising displaying a document group status indication showing whether at least one of the documents in each document group has not been read for each document group.

15. (new) The apparatus of claim 6 further comprising a manager operation section connected to said network and comprising a manager input device and a manager screen.

16. (new) The apparatus according to claim 6 further comprising a user operation section connected to said network and including at least one user screen and at least one user input device.